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## **COVID-19 Daily Press Bulletin for 7-31-2020**

Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator of Community Health Services, provided updates on the ongoing COVID-19 response in Nevada during a daily teleconference with members of the media.

This bulletin provides facts, figures, and informational items from the call. As a reminder, data is provided in a dashboard on the home page of the <a href="Nevada Health Response">Nevada Health Response</a> website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

## **SUMMARY:**

- As of today, Nevada has logged 48,088 cases, an increase of 1,264 cases since yesterday. Of these new cases, 1,052 or 83.2% were in Clark County, 179 or 14.2% were in Washoe County, and 33 or 2.6% were spread throughout the remainder of the state.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 616,731 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, that is an increase of 9,443 since yesterday.
- The cumulative test positivity rate is 10.3%. The daily positivity rate is 20.8%.

- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 2.3%, or 1,029 new cases per day. For comparison, the growth rate for the 7-day period ending June 30 was 3.9%, or 644 new cases per day. The growth rate for the 7-day period ending May 31 was 1.4%, or 116 new cases per day.
- Data continues to suggest a slowing of growth rates related to both new cases and hospitalizations.
- Nevada recorded an additional 29 deaths today. Please keep in mind that the death rates we are seeing correspond to cases diagnosed up to 5 weeks ago. These deaths did not occur all in one day.
- Nevada has 1,159 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, July 30, 2020. Statewide hospital occupancy rates are 77% while intensive care units (ICU) are at an occupancy rate of 63%. About 42% of the ventilators statewide are in use right now for all patients.
- Nevada's COVID experience suggests that 28% of hospitalized COVID patients will require intensive care, 15% will require mechanical ventilation, and 1 to 2% are fatal.
- Since the State's first case of COVID-19 through yesterday, we have identified 7,281 new COVID-19 cases (48,088) as a result of contact tracing. This represents 15.1% of the total to date.
- Contact tracers through the State's contract with Deloitte are working 12 hours a day, seven days a week in Clark County, to complement state, county, and Tribal efforts.
  - Deloitte agents logged a total of 857 calls as of 8 PM PST on July 30. Of these calls, 113 were inbound and 744 were outbound.

- Since June 18<sup>th</sup>, a total of 33,341 calls have been logged
- Deloitte's SMS (text) campaign resulted in 927 total SMS messages sent, with 504 unique outbound communications and a 82% response rate from unique contacts.
- Given the increase in numbers it is extremely important to social distance, wear a face covering, not socialize in big groups, and maintain general hygiene and cleanliness.

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